

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 479**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Unborn Victims Act of 2003		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 479 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 15-5-5, Section 16-3-90, Section 50-21-180 and Section 56-5-2915, and by amending Section 50-21-10(20) by defining (for the purposes of civil lawsuits) "person" to include any unborn child at every age of gestation.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department Health and Environmental Control and the Department of Health and Human Services indicate this Bill would not have any impact on the General Fund of the State or Federal or Other Funds.

The Judicial Department and the Department of Corrections indicate that there will be a minimal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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